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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Technical Services Staff

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ATTENTION:

OGC Has Reviewed

THROUGH: Comptroller */EAS*

FROM: Chief, Finance Division

SUBJECT: Memorandum for Finance Division from OTS, dated
8 October 1952, Subject: "Travel Vouchers for
TSL/OTS Personnel"

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1. Reference is made to subject memorandum which discusses payment of limited per diem to employees whose principal place of duty is the TS but whose permanent station has been designated as Washington, D. C.

2. Subject memorandum presents the non-availability of housing as the primary justification for the payment of limited per diem as reimbursement for cost of travel from Washington to point of duty. It is further stated that the TSL location is only an interim location; therefore, it was assumed that necessity for the arrangement discussed in the subject memorandum would be temporary.

3. Finance Division accepted the arrangement set forth in the subject memorandum and has been honoring claims for per diem submitted under approved travel orders conforming with it.

4. In connection with a general review of situations wherein employees have received extensive per diem over a long period of time, the propriety of reimbursement of travelers for expense of travel in these cases has been questioned. The questions involve two specific points; i.e.,

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a. The original determination to authorize reimbursement of travel expenses to certain employees whose regular point of duty is but whose headquarters has been designated as Washington, appears to be in conflict with applicable General Accounting Office decisions which hold that an employee's place of regular duty is to be regarded as his official station, and traveling expenses from his residence which has been designated as his official station to his point of regular duty may not be paid. (See Comptroller General's Decision B-28780.)

b. Even if it is concluded that the original determination in this case is valid, it would appear that Agency policy set forth in

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Regulation ☐ requires a re-evaluation of the authorization and a determination as to continuance of the arrangement.

5. It is suggested that this matter be re-examined, and if your office feels that continued reimbursement of travel expenses in the circumstances covered by the subject memorandum is administratively proper and necessary and will so advise this office, we will initiate appropriate action to obtain a review of the legal aspects by the Office of General Counsel.

6. In the meantime, we do not believe that it would be proper for us to honor further claims submitted on the authority of travel orders referencing the subject memorandum. Accordingly, the following attached claims are being returned for your disposition:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 March-31 March 1954	\$ 94.50
	1 March-31 March 1954	\$ 99.00
	1 March-31 March 1954	\$ 81.00

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It is suggested that these, as well as any other claims of a similar nature, be withheld until the above questions are resolved.

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